



The CIAC Paddle

Helping You Navigate the IA Continuum

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“Top Ten” Focus Area #3 Afghanistan (AFG) Drawdown

Remissioning has been an ongoing issue for IAs with concerns ranging from appropriate use of Navy skill sets to safety. With the most recent and future dynamic downsizing of Afghanistan footprint (called Surge Recovery), IAs should be vigilant to perform their missions as tasked and not outside what they were trained to do.

Boots-On-Ground

a) What is the AFG Surge Recovery/Drawdown?

- President Obama reduced forces in AFG down to pre-surge levels (Surge Recovery).
- Future force reductions are expected as the U.S. continues to gradually draw down the forces in AFG leading to a complete withdrawal in 2014 including all Navy IAs.

b) What does AFG Drawdown mean to IA Sailors?

They can expect the possibility of:

- Remissioning: retasking of IA Sailors to a new job function and/or location.
- Early billet cancellation: Commander Task Force IA (CTF-IA) responds to the Operational Control (OPCON) chain-of-command and typically has little heads-up on early redeployment.
- USFF works to put IA Sailors who's billed is cancelled early the opportunity to go to another requirement, if available.
- Functions outside specialty: IA Sailors performing functions outside normal skill-set without the proper training (e.g., combat skills).
- While remissioning is often acceptable, it is an indication that the sourced billet needs revalidation and/or cancellation and therefore should be reported to [NAVCENT FWD AFG](#).
- ANY remissioning that puts IAs or their supported units at risk due to inadequate training or equipping is not acceptable and should be reported immediately to [NAVCENT FWD HQ](#) for performing functions outside their specialty.

c) What is CTF-IA Headquarters?

- Has Administrative Control (ADCON) of Navy IA Sailors and is tasked with ensuring the proper usage and treatment of IA Sailors by the OPCON unit.
- ADCON: Direction or exercise of authority over subordinate or other organizations in respect to administration and support (FITREP/Evals, pay, orders, travel, awards, career counseling, etc.)
- Sailors need to keep the Forward Headquarters (FWD HQ) informed when changes occur at the unit level (e.g., NAVCENT FWD AFG) so that CTF-IA can enforce proper tasking and safety of Navy IA Sailors.

d) Questions: Email [CTF-IA](#) or [USFF IA Support](#).

e) For additional information visit [CTF-IA](#) website.